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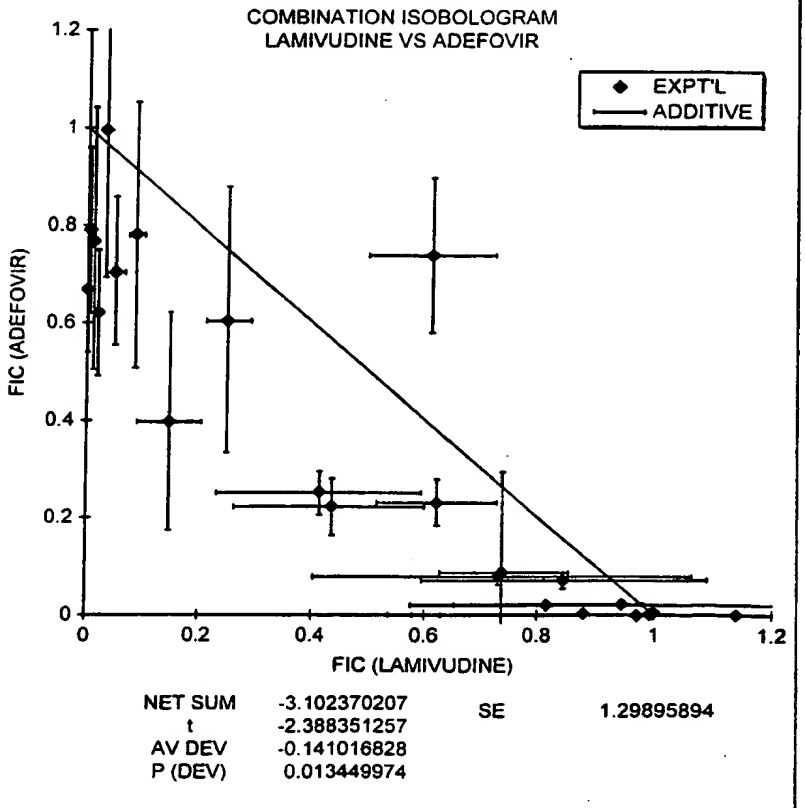

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X,P	BARTNOF H. S.: "Preveon shows benefits for patients co-infected with HIV and HBV" HIV AND HEPATITIS.COM, 'Online! 18 August 1999 (1999-08-18), XP002132867 Retrieved from the Internet: <URL:http://www.hivandhepatitis.com/hiv/v10089904.html> 'retrieved on 2000-03-13! the whole document	1-21

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference: PU3514/PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No.: PCT/EP 99/06886	International filing date (day/month/year): 17/09/1999
Applicant: GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.	

1. [X] The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. [ ] The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. [ ] **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

[ ] the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

[ ] no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90*bis*.1 and 90*bis*.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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NOTES TO FORM PCT/ISA/220

These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international pbulication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When?

Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed, see below.

How?

Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

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The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped),whether

(i) the claim is unchanged;

(ii) the claim is cancelled;

(iii) the claim is new;

(iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;

(v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."

2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."

3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."

4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international appplication is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
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International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	(Earliest) Priority Date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/EP 99/ 06886	17/09/1999	18/09/1998
Applicant		
GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

[X] It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

[ ] the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

[ ] contained in the international application in written form.

[ ] filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

[ ] furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

[ ] furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readble form.

[ ] the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

[ ] the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. [ ] **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. [ ] **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

[ ] the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

[X] the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

ANTIVIRAL COMBINATIONS OF LAMIVUDINE AND ADEFOVIR

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

[X] the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

[ ] the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

[ ] as suggested by the applicant.

[X] because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

[ ] because this figure better characterizes the invention.

[ ] None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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International filing date (day/month/year) 17 September 1999 (17.09.99)	**Priority date** (day/month/year) 18 September 1998 (18.09.98)
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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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Antiviral Combinations

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM ☐ Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box

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item (1) (18.09.98) 18 September 1998	9820420.9	GB		
item (2)				
item (3)				

☐ The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) *(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office)* identified above as item(s):_____

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This international application contains the following **number of sheets:**

request	: 4
description (excluding sequence listing part)	: 23
claims	: 3
abstract	: 1
drawings	: 1
sequence listing part of description	:_____
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Applicant's or agent's file reference PU3514/PCT	**IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION**

International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/EP99/06886	17/09/1999	18/09/1998

Applicant
GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

   ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations suporting such statement
   - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP99/06886

I. Basis of the report

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1-23 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-22 as received on 25/08/2000 with letter of 25/08/2000

Drawings, No.:

1 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 10-15,18-21.

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10-15,18-21 (see separate sheet, item 1) relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

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☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-21 (see separate sheet, items 3a and 3b)
	No:	Claims	22 (see separate sheet, item 3c)
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-9,11,19-21 (see separate sheet, item 3b)
	No:	Claims	10,12-18 (see separate sheet, item 3a)
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-9,16-17,22 (YES; see separate sheet, item 2a); 10-15, 18-21 (see separate sheet, items 1 and 2b)
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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The following IPER is based on th assumption that the present application is fully entitled to its priority date as claimed.

1). Claims 10-15 and 18-21 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

2). a). The subject-matter of claims 1-9, 16-17 and 22 fulfils the requirements of industrial applicability.

b). For the assessment of the present claims 10-15 and 18-21 on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment, but may allow, however, claims to a known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

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The same applies also to the subject-matter of claims 16-18 defining combinations of lamivudine with adefovir dipivoxil, since it is known from a further document **D2** (=MULATO, A.S. ET AL: "Anti-HIV activity of adefovir (PMEA) and PMPA in combination with antiretroviral compounds: in vitro analyses" ANTIVIRAL RES. (1997), 36(2), 91-97) that adefovir dipivoxil is a prodrug of adefovir (see abstract)

and mentions that both adefovir as well adefovir dipivoxil are active against hepatitis B virus (see abstract).

b). On the contrary, the subject-matter of claims 1-9,11,and 19-21 is novel and involves also an inventive step, since the claimed synergistic ratio of lamivudine to adefovir or adefovir dipivoxil has neither been disclosed nor rendered obvious in the available prior art.

c). Claims should be defined by technical features (Rule 6.3 PCT). In the case of claim 22 information to the patient does not appear to be a technical feature and hence the subject-matter of said claim discloses nothing more than a pack comprising either lamivudine or adefovir dipivoxil (.."at least one"..). As far as lamivudine is commercially available (Epivir ^{R}) the subject-matter of claim 22 is not novel and a claim directed to a patient pack comprising either lamivudine or adefovir dipivoxil characterised by an insert comprising patient information would be not clear (see above).

Claims

1. A combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent, bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof wherein (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one and the second therapeutic agent are present in the range 40:1 to 1:1 by weight.

2. A combination according to claim 1 wherein the ratio is in the range 25:1 to 15:1 by weight of active ingredients.

3. A combination according to any one of claims 1 to 3 for use in medicine.

4. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers therefor.

5. A pharmaceutical formulation for use in the treatement of HBV comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof wherein (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one and the second therapeutic agent are present in the range 40:1 to 1:1 by weight.

6. A formulation according to claims 4 or 5 in unit dosage form.

7. A formulation according to any one of claims 4 to 6 suitable for oral administration.

8. A formulation according to any one of claims 5 to 7 comprising between 25 to 150 mg of lamivudine and 5 to 60 mg adefovir dipivoxil.

9. A formulation according to claim 8 comprising 100 mg of lamivudine and 10 mg adefovir dipivoxil.

10. A method for the treatment of a mammal, including a human, with an HBV infection comprising administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the combination is as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3.

12. A method according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the combination is administered simultaneously.

13. A method according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the combination is administered sequentially.

14. A method according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the combination is administered as a single combined formulation.

15. A method as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 14 for the treatment of an HBV infection resistant to nucleoside and/or non-nucleoside inhibitors of the replication of the hepatitis B virus

16. Use of (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one in the manufacture of a medicament for administration either simultaneously or sequentially with bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine, for the treatment of an HBV infection.

17. Use of bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine in the manufacture of a medicament for administration either simultaneously or sequentially with (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-(1H)-pyrimidin-2-one for the treatment of an HBV infection.

18. Use of a combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for the treatment of an HBV infection.

19. Use of a combination as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 for the treatment of an HBV infection.

20. Use of a combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from either (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, or bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof wherein (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one and the second therapeutic agent are present in the range 40:1 to 1:1 by weight, for the treatment of an HBV infection resistant to nucleoside and/or nonnucleoside inhibitor.

21. Use of a combination as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3 for the treatment of an HBV infection resistant to nucleoside and/or nonnucleoside inhibitor of the replication of the hepatitis B virus.

22. A patient pack comprising of at least one active ingredient selected from (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine and an information insert containing directions on the use of both active ingredients together in combination.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference	FOR FURTHER ACTION	See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)
PU3514/PCT		
International application No.	International filing date *(day/month/year)*	Priority date *(day/month/year)*
PCT/EP99/06886	17/09/1999	18/09/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61K31/00		
Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

   ☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

   These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

   - I ☒ Basis of the report
   - II ☐ Priority
   - III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
   - IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
   - V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations suporting such statement
   - VI ☐ Certain documents cited
   - VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
   - VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP99/06886

I. Basis of the r port

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-23	as originally filed			

Claims, No.:

1-22	as received on	25/08/2000	with letter of	25/08/2000

Drawings, No.:

1	as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 10-15,18-21.

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10-15,18-21 (see separate sheet, item 1) relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. .

V. R asoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-21 (see separate sheet, items 3a and 3b)
	No:	Claims	22 (see separate sheet, item 3c)
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-9,11,19-21 (see separate sheet, item 3b)
	No:	Claims	10,12-18 (see separate sheet, item 3a)
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-9,16-17,22 (YES; see separate sheet, item 2a); 10-15, 18-21 (see separate sheet, items 1 and 2b)
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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The following IPER is based on the assumption that the present application is fully entitled to its priority date as claimed.

1). Claims 10-15 and 18-21 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

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Claims

1. A combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof wherein (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one and the second therapeutic agent are present in the range 40:1 to 1:1 by weight.

2. A combination according to claim 1 wherein the ratio is in the range 25:1 to 15:1 by weight of active ingredients.

3. A combination according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the second therapeutic agent is bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

4. A combination according to any one of claims 1 to 3 for use in medicine.

5. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a combination according to any one of claims 1 to 3 in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers therefor.

6. A formulation according to claim 5 in unit dosage form.

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8. A formulation according to any one of claims 5 to 7 comprising between 25 to 150 mg of lamivudine and 5 to 60 mg adefovir dipivoxil.

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10. A method for the treatment of a mammal, including a human, with an HBV infection comprising administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the combination is as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3.

12. A method according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the combination is administered simultaneously.

13. A method according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the combination is administered sequentially.

14. A method according to claim 10 or claim 11 wherein the combination is administered as a single combined formulation.

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16. Use of (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one in the manufacture of a medicament for administration either simultaneously or sequentially with bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine, for the treatment of an HBV infection.

17. Use of bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine in the manufacture of a medicament for administration either simultaneously or

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18. Use of a combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for the treatment of an HBV infection.

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20. Use of a combination comprising (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof and a second therapeutic agent selected from either (9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof, or bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[(R)-2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof for the treatment of an HBV infection resistant to nucleoside and/or nonnucleoside inhibitor.

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22. A patient pack comprising of at least one active ingredient selected from (2R,cis)-4-amino-1-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-oxathiolan-5-yl)-pyrimidin-2-one, and bis(pivaloyloxymethyl)(9-[2-(phosphonomethoxy)ethyl]adenine and an information insert containing directions on the use of both active ingredients together in combination.

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PU3514/PCT	Date of mailing (day/month/year) 27/03/2000 FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP 99/ 06886	International filing date (day/month/year) 17/09/1999
Applicant GLAXO GROUP LIMITED et al.	

1. [X] The applicant is hereby notified that the International Search Report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

   Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
   The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the International Application (see Rule 46):

   When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the International Search Report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

   Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
   34, chemin des Colombettes
   1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
   Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

   For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. [ ] The applicant is hereby notified that no International Search Report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. [ ] **With regard to the protest** against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:

   [ ] the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

   [ ] no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:

   Shortly after **18 months** from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in Rules 90*bis*.1 and 90*bis*.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

   Within **19 months** from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).

   Within **20 months** from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority dat or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

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These Notes are intended to give the basic instructions concerning the filing of amendments under article 19. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under that Treaty. In case of discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable. For more detailed information, see also the PCT Applicant's Guide, a publication of WIPO.

In these Notes, "Article", "Rule", and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions respectively.

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 19

The applicant has, after having received the international search report, one opportunity to amend the claims of the international application. It should however be emphasized that, since all parts of the international application (claims, description and drawings) may be amended during the international preliminary examination procedure, there is usually no need to file amendments of the claims under Article 19 except where, e.g. the applicant wants the latter to be published for the purposes of provisional protection or has another reason for amending the claims before international pbulication. Furthermore, it should be emphasized that provisional protection is available in some States only.

What parts of the international application may be amended?

Under Article 19, only the claims may be amended.

During the international phase, the claims may also be amended (or further amended) under Article 34 before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The description and drawings may only be amended under Article 34 before the International Examining Authority.

Upon entry into the national phase, all parts of the international application may be amended under Article 28 or, where applicable, Article 41.

When? Within 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or 16 months from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later. It should be noted, however, that the amendments will be considered as having been received on time if they are received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the applicable time limit but before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication (Rule 46.1).

Where not to file the amendments?

The amendments may only be filed with the International Bureau and not with the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority (Rule 46.2).

Where a demand for international preliminary examination has been/is filed, see below.

How? Either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed.

A replacement sheet must be submitted for each sheet of the claims which, on account of an amendment or amendments, differs from the sheet originally filed.

All the claims appearing on a replacement sheet must be numbered in Arabic numerals. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims is required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they must be renumbered consecutively (Administrative Instructions, Section 205(b)).

The amendments must be made in the language in which the international application is to be published.

What documents must/may accompany the amendments?

Letter (Section 205(b)):

The amendments must be submitted with a letter.

The letter will not be published with the international application and the amended claims. It should not be confused with the "Statement under Article 19(1)" (see below, under "Statement under Article 19(1)").

The letter must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

The letter must indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended. It must, in particular, indicate, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped),whether

(i) the claim is unchanged;

(ii) the claim is cancelled;

(iii) the claim is new;

(iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;

(v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed.

The following examples illustrate the manner in which amendments must be explained in the accompanying letter:

1. [Where originally there were 48 claims and after amendment of some claims there are 51]:
"Claims 1 to 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37 to 48 replaced by amended claims bearing the same numbers; claims 30, 33 and 36 unchanged; new claims 49 to 51 added."

2. [Where originally there were 15 claims and after amendment of all claims there are 11]:
"Claims 1 to 15 replaced by amended claims 1 to 11."

3. [Where originally there were 14 claims and the amendments consist in cancelling some claims and in adding new claims]:
"Claims 1 to 6 and 14 unchanged; claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added." or
"Claims 7 to 13 cancelled; new claims 15, 16 and 17 added; all other claims unchanged."

4. [Where various kinds of amendments are made]:
"Claims 1-10 unchanged; claims 11 to 13, 18 and 19 cancelled; claims 14, 15 and 16 replaced by amended claim 14; claim 17 subdivided into amended claims 15, 16 and 17; new claims 20 and 21 added."

"Statement under article 19(1)" (Rule 46.4)

The amendments may be accompanied by a statement explaining the amendments and indicating any impact that such amendments might have on the description and the drawings (which cannot be amended under Article 19(1)).

The statement will be published with the international application and the amended claims.

It must be in the language in which the international appplication is to be published.

It must be brief, not exceeding 500 words if in English or if translated into English.

It should not be confused with and does not replace the letter indicating the differences between the claims as filed and as amended. It must be filed on a separate sheet and must be identified as such by a heading, preferably by using the words "Statement under Article 19(1)."

It may not contain any disparaging comments on the international search report or the relevance of citations contained in that report. Reference to citations, relevant to a given claim, contained in the international search report may be made only in connection with an amendment of that claim.

Consequence if a demand for international preliminary examination has already been filed

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand for international preliminary examination has already been submitted, the applicant must preferably, at the same time of filing the amendments with the International Bureau, also file a copy of such amendments with the International Preliminary Examining Authority (see Rule 62.2(a), first sentence).

Consequence with regard to translation of the international application for entry into the national phase

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, where upon entry into the national phase, a translation of the claims as amended under Article 19 may have to be furnished to the designated/elected Offices, instead of, or in addition to, the translation of the claims as filed.

For further details on the requirements of each designated/elected Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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